# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

## **NEWS RELEASE**



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### KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 43 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-43-13

The Izhut Bay Section north of a line from Haystack Rock (at 58° 10.58' N lat., 152° 17.36' W long.) to Pillar Cape (at 58° 08.90' N lat., 152° 06.77' W long.) will close at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 22.

The Halibut Bay, Sturgeon, and Outer Karluk sections of the Southwest Kodiak District will be extended from 6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 24 until further notice.

#### As previously announced:

The following areas are currently **open until further notice:** 

- The **Eastside Kodiak District**:
- The Northeast Kodiak District:
- The **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District**;
- The Northwest Kodiak District (except the Inner Uganik Bay Section which remains closed); and
- The Southwest Afognak, Northwest Afognak, Raspberry Strait, Southeast Afognak, Northeast Afognak, Perenosa Bay, and Shuyak Island sections of the Afognak District.

Cost recovery fisheries began in the Kitoi Bay Special Harvest Area (SHA) on August 2. Fishing opportunities in the Duck Bay, Izhut Bay, Inner Kitoi Bay, and Outer Kitoi Bay sections will be dependent on the ability to meet KRAA cost recovery needs.

## **Closed Water Adjustments:**

Closed waters are **reduced until further notice** in the following locations:

- In Saltery Cove, for subsistence fishing, at Saltery Creek (stream# 259-415), at the exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline.

In that portion of the Northwest Kodiak and Southwest Kodiak districts south of the latitude of Cape Kuliuk, <u>until further notice</u>, Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained by purse seine gear in the commercial salmon fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

Other closed waters are as shown on the Kodiak Area Salmon Statistical Chart and detailed in the Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations (5AAC 18.350).

Statistical Charts, Harvest Strategies, and Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations are available at the Kodiak Fish and Game office. Recent salmon fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's 24-hour record-a-phone at 486-4559.